ADDING WEIGHT TO YOUR TESTIMONY #3 "Knowledge" 2 Peter 1:4&5

Intro: John Maiolo Tradition. The elders of society are to be the treasures of the traditions of a culture not just the what; facts of their history but the why. This is what gives meaning and purpose to life. So in the Christian experience there is an urgent need to revelation knowledge

I. The Proliferation of Knowledge

A. Daniel Prophesied

1. Times/Unprecedented knowledge

a. ***Daniel 12:4*** *4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

2. More knowledge today all human history

a. Doubling every few years

1. ***Ecclesiastes 12:12*** *12And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.*

B. Great Boom/Many fields

1. Scientific Calculations/achievement

a. Space Ships/man on moon/etc.

2. Vast storage and access

a. Google, Internet, etc.

3. Identity theft etc.

a. Bullying/Suicide/Facebook, hookups etc.

II. Facts are not Revelation

A. Disciples/When John Baptist Q.

1. This is Elijah/If you can believe it

a. Why say ? This is Elijah if you can receive it then understood behalf of John Baptist

2. Jesus Bread/Manna

a. ***John 6:53-54*** *53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

b. ***John 6:68*** *68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

B. Crucial Dimension

1. Disciples/Road to Emmaus

a. ***Luke 24:25-27*** *25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

b. ***Luke 24:30-32*** *30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"*

2. Wrong conclusion/faulty data

a. ***John 5:39-40*** *39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.*

3. Jesus/Nazareth

a. No prophet comes out of Nazareth

1. ***Micah 5:2*** *2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."*

III. Revelation/Key true knowledge

A. Paul underlines

1. ***Ephesians 1:17*** *17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,*

a. A spiritual dimension given by God

2. John emphasizes

a. ***John 6:63*** *63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

b. ***1 John 5:1*** *1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.*

B. This /Miracle Salvation

1. ***Matthew 16:17*** *17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.*

a. ***John 1:10-13*** *10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

b. ***John 14:8-9*** *8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?*

2. Thomas/Jesus Resurrected

a. ***John 20:26-29*** *26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

3. God's Ways/Revelation

a. ***Psalm 27:11*** *11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies*

1. ***Psalm 25:4*** *4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.*